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SUBJECT: LOW BIDS EXPECTED FOR TURKISH STRAW

1. BIDS FOR THE 1975/76 TURKISH CROP OF POPPY STRAW
ARE DUE TO BE OPENED ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

2. ACCORDING TO A KNOWLEDGEABLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF
THE U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE
TOTAL BID WILL EXCEED 5,000 TONS, OR HALF OF THE AMOUNT
AVAILABLE. FURTHER, THE BID PRICES ARE LIKELY TO RANGE
FROM DOLLARS 1,000 TO 1,250 PER TON, CONSIDERABLY BELOW
THE DOLLARS 1,900 PER TON PAID FOR LAST YEAR'S HARVEST
AND EVEN BELOW THE ESTIMATED TURKISH COST OF DOLLARS
1,400 TO 1,500 PER TON. THIS LOW PRICE IS DUE TO THE
EXPECTED AVAILABILITY OF POPPY STRAW CONCENTRATE FROM
POPPY GROWN IN EASTERN EUROPE OR FRANCE.

3. IF THIS PROJECTION IS CORRECT, THE GOT MAY FACE A
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